

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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For	:	FORMABLE ORTHOPEDIC FIXATION SYSTEM WITH CROSS LINKING
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 67 references that are of record in U.S. patent application No. 09/976,459, filed October 10, 2001, which is the parent of this divisional application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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